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Dining satisfaction rates higher than national average

Students prefer options in the Den and the Konditorei

TARA LEWIN *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

Variety, value and freshness are areas that need improvement for Wartburg College's dining services, according to results from this fall's dining survey.

The results from a customer satisfaction survey, conducted during a two-day period in November, were released last month.

Overall, dining services scored well in service, helpfulness and friendliness of staff, cleanliness, location, facility layout and appearance and comfort.

The survey, conducted by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS), allowed each participant the opportunity to evaluate the Den, Konditorei, Mensa, or all three based on specific qualities in each department.

The NACUFS survey utilizes a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 indicating very dissatisfied and 5 being very satisfied. Approximately 485 Wartburg students completed the evaluations.

Wartburg ranked higher in comparison to other schools with an overall satisfaction rating of all locations with 3.8 out of a possible 5. The Den and Konditorei ranked even higher with 4.11 and

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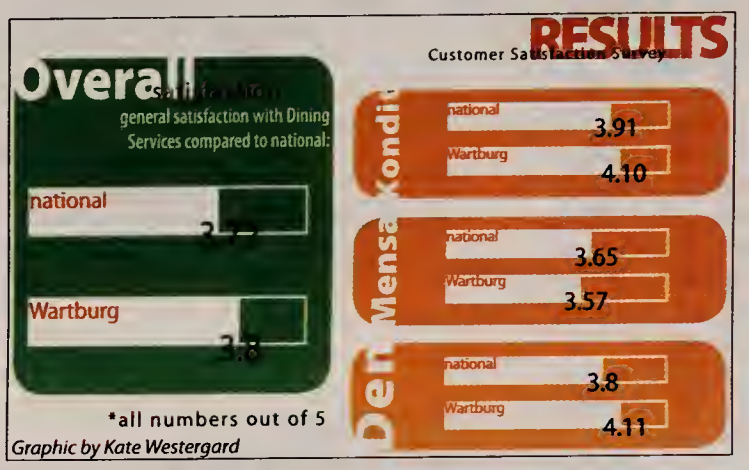

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A maintenance worker tries to clear the sidewalks of ice, snow and debris Sunday after a huge storm hit the area.

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Storm cuts power across Midwest; Waverly running on generators

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

A major winter storm blanketed the Midwest with a mixture of snow, ice and rain last weekend, shutting down nearly all travel and leaving tens of thousands without power and other services.

About four inches of snow fell Sunday on top of at least an inch of ice that rained down in small chunks Friday and Saturday, pelting travelers and creating slippery road conditions.

Power lines snapped under the weight of the ice, causing power outages across the Midwest. The entire city of Waverly was black briefly Saturday due to such an event, said Kelly Vowels, communications director of Waverly Light and Power.

"We lost transmission lines just before 3 p.m. Saturday," Vowels said. "Those lines physically went down."

The lines are owned by MidAmerican Energy, so the city does not know when they will be fixed. Until then, the city will run on diesel-fueled generators.

"We've made arrangements to be continuously fueled," Vowels said. "We're asking people to conserve energy."

Vowels urged Waverly residents to shift power consumption to the evening hours after businesses have closed.

Local media outlets reported more than 150,000 customers have lost power, and major power providers are unsure when the lines will be restored.

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Library director checks out for new job

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

Jill Gremmels, the director of Vogel library, has resigned from her position at Wartburg to take a similar post at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Jill Gremmels

"I don't think it's hit me yet, that this is really real," Gremmels said of leaving her alma matter. "It's really hard, and yet on the other hand it's almost easy because I'm really excited about the work there and how I think I can contribute and about getting out of my comfort zone and getting some new challenges."

Gremmels is the great, great great granddaughter of Georg Grossmann and the daughter of two former Wartburg faculty. Gremmels is a 1980 graduate of Wartburg and has worked in the library for 13 years.

While at Wartburg, Gremmels has been involved in many different projects, including the construction of the new Vogel library and the information literacy program.

Karen Lehmann, an information literacy librarian was hired by Gremmels and has worked closely with her for seven years.

"I'm very sorry to lose her as a boss and

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Alumni donations fund cross country course

Course meets specifications to host national championships

MATT POPOWSKI *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Seventy-five acres of land north of Hertel Field is destined for a championship cross country course within the next year.

The project relies entirely on funding from Wartburg alums.

Steve Johnson, the cross country head coach, said there has been serious discussion for three years, but he knew two years ago the course's construction was a certainty.

Johnson has high hopes for the course. He has been adamant in fulfilling and exceeding the requirements that would qualify the proposed course to host a national championship.

"It's designed to be the best cross country course in the nation," Duff Ridgeway, director of development, said.

The course, Johnson said, may be ready for use by next fall. He hopes to host the Div. III Cross Country Championships on the course in either 2009 or '10.

"The ability to have major competitions brings notoriety to the institution," Johnson said.

Funding and prospects of various profit-making developments on the land are

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Board of Regents meets in Florida to set budget, tuition of college for next year

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The Board of Regents convened Thursday in Florida for their annual winter meeting to discuss the future of the college.

The 29-member group planned to discuss a variety of topics, said Jack Ohle, president of the college. Foremost among the agenda items will be next year's tuition, room, board and fees, along with the best way to absorb the costs of the recent minimum wage increase.

Ohle said the a plan for wage differentiation for managers and those with seniority will not be in place until after the minimum wage has been raised to $7.25 in January 2008.

Another topic under discussion will be a new strategic plan for the college. Campaign Wartburg will be concluded in October of this year, and Ohle hopes to announce a new strategic plan at that time.

"We'll have a grading to how the last plan went and what still needs to be done," Ohle said.

Other administrators also attended the meeting to give reports on how the college is progressing in various areas. Ferol Menzel, the dean of faculty, presented tenure applications to the Board for their approval. Menzel also informed the Board of the promotion of one faculty member.

The tuition numbers will be available online at www.wartburg.edu/trumpet when they are announced.

What: Board of Regents meeting

Where: Florida

Why: To discuss tuition, the minimum wage increase, the budget and tenure applications

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Taste emphasized in survey results

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4.10 respectively.

"I am very pleased with the results and very proud of us," Margaret Empie, director of dining services, said. "I appreciate people taking the time to complete the survey. We need to do a good job for the people, and if we're not, we need to kriow."

Gap analysis was used to analyze the survey. Gap analysis compares the importance of a quality to a customer to how well the food establishment is doing in that specific area.

Empie said the benefit of using gap analysis is that "it indicates possible opportunities for improvement and allows dining services to better prioritize issues to focus on."

Wartburg rated significantly better than the combined ratings of all schools that participated in the nationwide survey regarding hours of operation, staff and facility.

As a result of the survey, dining services plans to emphasize taste, freshness and food preparation to improve the quality of the food that is prepared and served.

"Consistency is key for taste, eye appeal, and freshness," Empie said.

In the Mensa alone, dining services fared well for visual appeal, overall services, speed of service, helpfulness and friendliness of staff and facility related areas.

To improve numbers in other areas, Empie plans to continue to evaluate and adjust the cycle menu as well as increase nutritional education, specifically related to how to eat healthy at Wartburg.

> *'I want dining services to be what students want.'*

The variety of food in individual courts will also be evaluated, with an emphasis placed on the vegetarian and vegan menus.

Wartburg students ranked the Den highest for overall food, taste, eye appeal, hours of operation, helpfulness and friendliness of staff and cleanliness of the serving area.

"The Den did so well because of the combination of services and the fact that the food is made to serve," Empie said.

Students ranked the Den lowest for the variety of healthy menu choices. Empie said she hopes to shift the focus on the perception of the Den menu items by promoting healthy options on a regular basis.

Another issue in the Den is the speed of service.

"We received a lot of comments about students and staff having to wait in line to order," Empie said. "We are looking to increase the speed of service by buying a scanner."

The Konditorei had the lowest gaps in eye appeal, availability of posted menu items, overall service, speed of service, helpfulness and friendliness of staff and facility related areas. A low gap shows the ability of dining services to meet the customer's needs.

The Konditorei ranked very well in terms of location, but there were also written comments that the space needs a "face lift."

More than 1,200 written comments were received, and Empie said she has read every single one of them.

"I want dining services to be what students want," Empie said. "I want to do whatever we can to meet students' needs."

Students' suggestions will be considered when implementing menu changes during break next spring. Planning will also be partly based on survey results.

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A bloodied rabbit lies lifeless on top of a student vehicle in V lot. A total of three rabbits had been shot and all were missing their eyes.

Three more vehicles vandalized with rabbits

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

Three more cars were vandalized in V lot late last week.

Three dead rabbits were placed on three separate cars, with one being wedged under the windshield wiper of a car.

Jon Gregg was the owner of one of those cars.

"First I thought it was a bunch of dirty snow on top of the car," Gregg said. "But when I got a little closer, it looked like something dead, and it indeed turned out to be something dead."

This incident comes on the heels of other incidents of vandalism in the past month.

Gregg doesn't think this sort of act could be prevented.

"Really there's probably not a whole lot that can be done as far as preventing criminal mischief," Gregg said.

At first, Gregg thought he was the only target of the attack. However, he later realized two other cars were targeted as well.

"I did think for a little bit that I was special and that it was targeted specifically towards me because of all the success I've had this year," Gregg said.

"But then I did look around to find that two other cars had dead rabbits on them, and those people very well may not be successful like myself, so it does limit the individuality of the attack," he added.

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Larger library staff provides challenges

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as a friend," Lehmann said. "But it's a wonderful opportunity for her. She's sort of at that point in her life where you put down roots and stay forever or you move to a new challenge."

At Davidson, Gremmels will have opportunities to develop some of the same programs that she did at Wartburg. She said the job is appropriate because "Davidson is all about learning and teaching, and so am I."

Her last official day will be June 1, and she will start at Davidson June 20. She said she has to have some time off to ride in RAGBRAI.

She said that people have been surprised and shocked at her departure.

"They thought, as I did, that I'd be here forever," she said. "People seem pretty sad."

One of Gremmels' opportunities will be to work with a larger staff. While Davidson's student population is similar to Wartburg's, the number of people employed by Davidson's library is twice the number of people at Wartburg's library.

A search committee will be established, and the goal is to have a replacement by the start of the fall semester, according to an e-mail sent by Ferol Menzel, dean of faculty.

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Student Senate executive team still undecided; runoff election held today

General election marred by Internet server crash at voting site; student body vice president assures campus runoff will go smoothly

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

A runoff election in both contested races for Student Senate executive positions was held today. No candidate for treasurer or presidential/vice presidential ticket received the needed 50 percent of the student vote to win the election in last Tuesday's vote.

Aaron Schutte and Lia Kampman are facing off against Eric Benson and Andy Swanson for president and vice president, while Carl Hoeg and Justin Crouse vie for the treasurer position.

Tuesday's election was not without controversy, however. Since the loss of the eVote online voting system, students have voted through BallotBin, an Internet survey site. BallotBin's server crashed Tuesday, leaving many students unable to vote for a large portion of the day. The election time frame was extended to run through noon Wednesday.

Jon Palmquist, the student body vice president, said today's election should be much smoother. Tuesday, BallotBin was hosting another election for a school of 3,000 students. "They didn't take down their junk mail filter, so the e-mails backed up and the server crashed," Palmquist said.

The runoff is the only race scheduled for BallotBin today, so the site should remain up, Palmquist said.

The winners of the election will begin

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Course only possible with Max family donations and cooperation by administrators

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obstacles with which Johnson has dealt.

The following members of the Max family are donating equal shares to fund the entire project: George A. '64 and Marilyn J. Max of Hickory, N.C.; their children, Todd I. Houge '92 and Laura M. Houge Max '93 of Iowa City, Brian and Sara L. Max '96 of Edmond, Okla., David M. '98 and Karla A. Max of Sheppard AFB, Texas; and Dale F. '66 and Judith Max of Morris, Ill.

"It might be a nice way to honor family," Houge said.

George Max and his three children ran cross country and track at Wartburg. "It is a multi-generational thing," Houge said.

The project wouldn't be possible, according to Johnson, without cooperation between the donors, Rick Willis, President Jack Ohle, the members of the Board of Regents and Dave Peters. They have cooperated to meet Johnson's standards.

"They're fantastic," Johnson said. "This level of support and commitment is very unusual."

Peters Construction Corporation was chosen for the project, which is in its early stages. The course has been plowed but won't be seeded until spring, when additional work can be done.

John Wuertz '73, a former distance runner, has provided ideas for the course.

Johnson said having a course marked every 100m with permanent kilometer and mile markers on which to train will help the cross country teams. The course is never less than eight meters wide, even on turns, which allows for large groups.

"It's great for the cross country team to have its own course to race on," Wuertz said.

"With dry conditions and no wind, people will rock on it," Johnson said.

The course is also very spectator-friendly. For instance, fans watching the men's 8K can see racers eight times while walking only 100 yards.

Johnson noted he would like to serve as a host for high school cross country meets.

The land has been in Wartburg's possession for more than nine years.

Furthermore, the land around the cross country course is being considered by Bartels and Wartburg as a possible location for independent retirement housing for Wartburg faculty.

"It's a dream come true from a coach's perspective," Johnson said about the new course.

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Editorial

Move classes out of computer labs whenever possible

There is an ever-growing problem on campus. This problem is the use of the computer labs on campus. Far too often, classes are scheduled in the labs, restricting their use to other students.

Granted, the library is open, and no classes are scheduled in the computer area, but it's just not the same.

A lot of the time, computer labs are places for majors to gather. For example, the journalism lab in the communication arts building is a place for communication art majors to hang out. The same goes for the lab in the business center.

When these labs are used for classes, it makes it very difficult for other students to do their work. In essence, classes are hurting students.

In the communication arts building, a new lab was added. However, classes are held in both labs at the same part of the day. The lab was created with good intention, but in practice falls far short of what is needed.

What needs to be done is a system of signing out the labs. Some classes, such as design classes, need computers on a daily basis. However, more often than not, classes can get by without computers every day.

If the classes have to sign out the labs, it would solve two problems. First, professors would have to really think if the computers are needed or if the class can get by without them.

Second, it would let students know when the labs are being used, so they can vacate the labs. Many students have been kicked out of one when a class comes storming in, and it's both annyoing and aggravating to save one's work, pack up and get out.

If something like this were implemented, students could go back to doing what they do best: learning.

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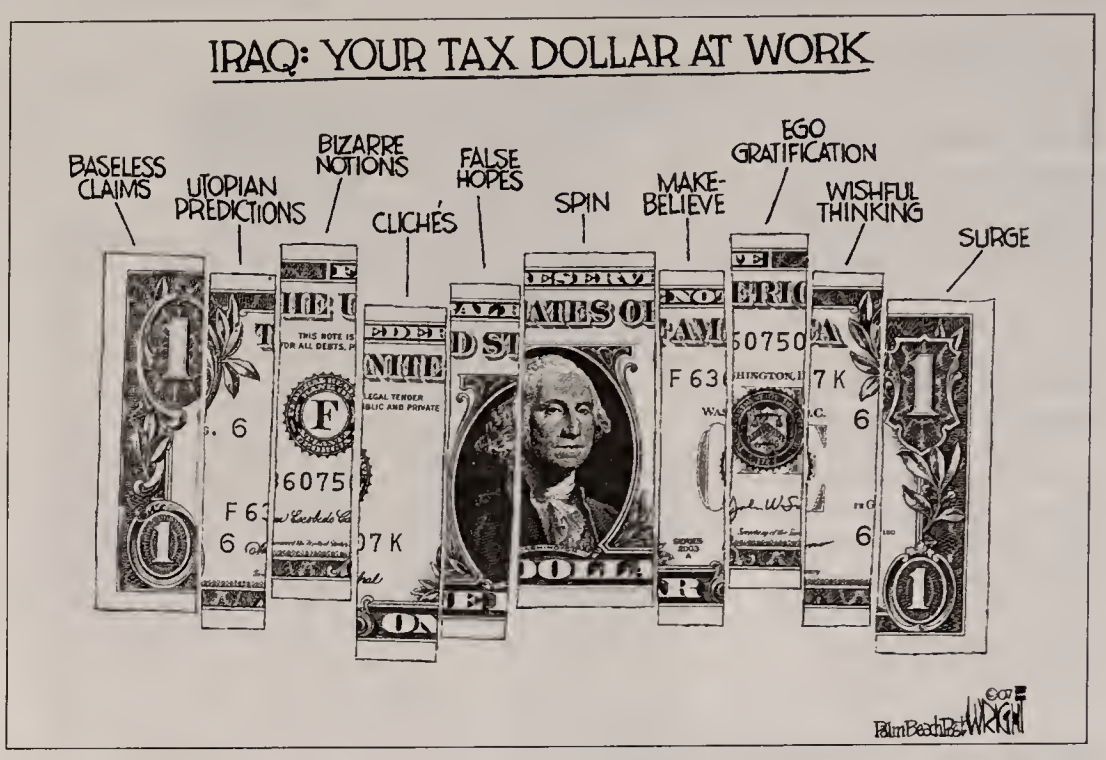

Throwing money out the window

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

It was cold last year, and the price of heating was not exactly cheap. What was the answer then? Tell students to SCORE whenever they could.

SCORE of course stands for Save and Conserve Our Resources and Energy, and it was a great idea to get through the budget crunch last year.

But where have all the SCORErs gone, long time passing? It occured to me the other day, ironically when I was freezing, that I haven't heard hide nor hair about the SCORE program this year.

Is it ever not appropriate to ask people to turn off the lights when they leave the room and shut off their computers when not in use?

I could maybe understand if last year's heating costs were higher or if last winter was especially frigid. Yet the National Weather Service claims that there have been more degree days this winter than last.

A degree day is a measure of how many degrees a home must be heated in the winter or cooled in the summer to reach a temperature of 65. For some perspective, there were 1,276 in Janurary alone.

As of the end of January, there have been more than 200 additional heating degree days than at the end of January last year.

And from what I can tell, heating oil and natural gas prices have been oscillating roughly in the same range as they were last winter.

Hmm. It's colder, and the prices are about the same. Where are the emergency measures to find the cash to pay for this?

Oh, wait: Tution went up a little more than six percent last year. That must be where all that money is coming from! How could I forget?

Speaking of wasted money, it was brought to my attention that there was an entire pallet loaded with boxes of admissions materials waited to be recycled last week.

Upon further inspection, I determined that we were getting rid of approxmiately 5,000 mailers from last year's fall visit day, 3,000 four-page glossies on academics, 1,000 similar glossies on music and 30 boxes of pre-paid business return envelopes among other piles of old material.

I feel like 5,000 extra mailers is an awful lot to have on hand. Surely we know how many mailers we send out a year with a little more precision than that.

Maybe getting that many extra is relatively cheap when printing a huge batch, but it seems a tad wasteful to me.

I found new academic and music brochures in the Student Center, along with one on athletics. After comparing the old ones and the new ones, the only difference I found was in the design, not in the content.

Logic tells me, from the lack of athletic materials waiting to be recycled, that we must have run out of them and gotten new ones, and that necessitated new academic and music pamphlets as well.

But do we really need to change the design of our materials every year? Aren't we targeting fresh faces to enroll here every fall?

Wartburg pays ME&V, the marketing firm that does some of our promotional materials, close to $200,000 a year, according to our most recent tax documents. That doesn't take into account the materials we either print in-house or design and send directly to printers.

The envelopes really kill me, though. Wartburg doesn't pay for the postage until they get sent, but no one I talked to could find anything amiss with them.

Perhaps there are very logical explanations for the mailers and the envelopes. I couldn't reach anyone from admissions before my deadline to hear one.

But with tuition undoubtedly going up again, it's time for the college to take a good, hard look at where we can save some dollars for the students who go here.

We recruit Iowa students, and if we aren't careful, we'll price them out of a Wartburg education.

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Students unable to contribute to fundraising efforts still have time

MATT POPOWSKI *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

With less than a week to go, most service trip groups have raised all or most of their money, with several a few hundred dollars short. The New York City trip is the exception with close to $1,000 left to raise as of last week.

Most service trip leaders reported great efforts from members in raising their share of the funds. Many sent follow-up e-mails to encourage participation.

Advisors from two groups had to address the issue of under-contributing members. Their message was taken to heart, and students seem to be working together.

Fundraising and preparing for service trips takes a lot of time and commitment, which can be difficult for busy college students. I commend those who have pulled their weight and been a great asset in assisting their group.

As for those who may have slacked and missed several meetings, I can relate with you. I can't say I've been able to help as much as I wanted. Yet there are ways I can make up for this.

I plan to show my appreciation to others who contributed well to our service trip fund. I will get certified to drive so I can relieve other drivers on our long haul across the states. I will help prepare meals, move luggage and work on other tasks during the trip to make up for it.

'We will gain nothing by bickering about who did what.'

If you haven't been able to pull your weight, you might consider how you can help out your group now.

But let's not forget the focus of these trips. We will gain nothing by bickering about who did what and holding grudges.

The goal is to bond together and learn by serving others in need. The focus is on the learning Tyler Vachta's last week letter wrote about. Our experience should challenge our beliefs and perspectives on social justice.

For students not involved with these service trips, you might consider donating a half-day of your winter break to help someone. Shovel an elderly person's driveway. Work at a soup kitchen. Maybe clean your parents' attic.

Doing something small for another shows you're making a positive difference in the world. You'll feel good about it too.

Consider joining other Wartburg students in their spirit of service.

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Local Briefs

Trumpet on vacation

The Trumpet will return two weeks after winter break with a new issue on Tuesday, March 20.

Personal trainers available to faculty/staff

Senior fitness management students are offering personal training to faculty and staff through the remainder of Winter Term. E-mail steve.johnson@wartburg.edu to express interest. Spaces are limited.

Housing applications

Applications to live in Löhe Hall or the Res next year are available at www.wartburg.edu/reslife. Proposals are due to the Student Life Officce by Tueday, March 20. Questions about the Res may be directed to Kara Trebil. Questions about Löhe Hall may be directed to Allison Juhl.

Students to visit the Dominican Republic

Students in the May Term class Church in Latin America will travel to the Dominican Republic this year. This is a change from professor Judith Jones' usual trip to Honduras.

Service opportunity

Students interested in volunteerring to help those affected by the recent snow and ice storm can either e-mail Susan Vallem at susan.vallem@wartburg.edu or contact the Waverly Hospital and ask to be connected to the Red Cross Shelter.

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Rock on!

Vince Abrahamson competes in the Guitar Hero contest at The Fainting Goat Wednesday night.

AIDS Awareness Week held

CHELSEA DELONG *STAFF WRITER*

Wartburg's second annual AIDS Awareness Week is hitting campus.

Rob Anderson, a primary coordinator for the event, said the week is important.

"People are becoming more careless, risky in sexual behavior," Anderson said. "[This week] is an effort to try and promote awareness of the AIDS epidemic ... to inform and educate people."

Three panels of the AIDS memorial quilt will be displayed throughout the week. The quilt is based in Atlanta, Ga., and carries the names of more than 44,000 people who have died from AIDS.

"It's a living symbol," Anderson said.

Volunteers will continuously read names from the quilt during its stay in Neumann Auditorium.

Other events include a panel discussion with members of the Cedar Valley community who are currently living with the disease; a viewing of Angels in America; an HBO film, and Voices from the Quilt, a theatrical production of letters written by family members of AIDS victims.

Anderson said student response was positive last year and is hopeful about campus involvement.

"There's still people we didn't reach. We're hoping we can reach them this time around," he said.

Anderson is also the leader of a winter break service trip to New York, one of three trips that deal with AIDS.

"I feel very passionate about this particular topic. It's something people have forgotten about. It's scary," he said.

Red ribbons will be available for students and staff to wear during the week, which is sponsored by Project RESPECT, Black Student Union, GLBT Alliance and the Student Health Action Committee.

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OLD Workshop uses faculty to develop student leadership skills

Many view conference as crucial for leaders of campus organizations, even as weather lowered attendance

WHITNEY FREE *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

The "Be OLD" Workshop offered student leaders chances to improve their organizations this weekend with sessions offered by students, faculty, staff and community members.

The Organizational Leadership Development Workshop took place in the Student Center Saturday morning with approximately 30 students in attendance.

Session topics included positivity, member recruitment, leadership transitioning, fundraising and effective team leadership.

Session leaders included Brent Matthias, director of admissions; Renee Sedlacek, community service associate; Sarah Glascock, director of campus programming; Duff Ridgeway, director of development; Whitney Mitvalsky, cross country captain; and Nick Noble, football captain.

Because of weather, attendance was lower than expected and a few speakers were unable to make it.

Student organizer Amanda Sweet is satisfied with the way the workshop went and what students learned.

"We were not expecting people to leave with this huge epiphany about leadership, but with small changes that could potentially make a huge impact in their lives or in the lives of others," Sweet said.

'This conference was amazing. I plan to be back next year.'

Those who braved the weather were also happy with the half-day conference.

"This conference was amazing. Every president, vice president, leadership team member, and captain of every organization, activity, or athletic team should be there," Randon Ruggles said. "I plan to be back next year."

Katie Jo Kuhens said the workshop would have been even more beneficial at the beginning of her college career.

"I would like to see this workshop become an integral part of training leaders of student organizations," Kuhens said. "This conference would be a great way to train new leaders, and to help in the transition process between outgoing and incoming heads of organizations."

Sweet has high hopes for the workshop next year.

"Its hard to give a vision for next year because we're still compiling the surveys, but I'm confident we can make the needed changes to make next year's Be OLD a success as well," Sweet said.

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Daylight saving moved

SARAH MOON *STAFF WRITER*

Daylight saving time will start Sunday, March 11, due to a federal law passed in 2005 to conserve energy.

Although the sun will now rise earlier in the day, many are worried there will be Y2K7. Wartburg technology analyst Derek Meier said the time will be off one hour if ITS does not change the computers on campus.

One hour may not seem like a big deal, but it could cause some problems for those who want to register for classes.

"Say you sign up for a class and the database doesn't get updated till midnight, but one of the computers isn't correct," Meier said. "It wouldn't update potentially or it wouldn't be synchronized and that causes a lot of bugs in the system."

According to Meier, ITS will post signs around campus and there will be a reminder on the home page of Webmail.

"We don't want you guys to be late for classes," Meier said.

Meier said ITS will make sure INet, Webmail, and My Wartburg are working properly, which he said will be the biggest help for students.

In addition, ITS will have to change the time of approximately 500 computers on campus. Meier said there is a program on his computer that allows him to change the time on faculty and staff computers.

Meier said the change will not affect students much. ITS will not be changing the time on students' computers.

Daylight saving time has begun the first Sunday in April and ended the last Sunday in October since 1986. This year the time shift starts the second Sunday in March and will end Nov. 4, the first Sunday of the month

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Power outage planned during winter break

SNEHA PRADHAN *STAFF WRITER*

A college-wide power shutdown will take place during winter break.

"This came about because we added another transformer for the new building, the Wartburg-Waverly Wellness Center. We added another transformer for them, so that was a good time to look at how the rest of our system was," Scott Sharar, assistant director of the physical plant, said.

Sharar said this is the first time in five years that a full campus shutdown has been undertaken. The campus is supplied power from two different sources at Waverly Light and Power. The power shutdown is scheduled at different times for different buildings.

The maintenance department and Esco Group will conduct the power shutdown, during which oil samples will be taken from each transformer to address heat problems. Other improvements include replacing outdated wire crimps, updating the grounding system and installing vacuum gauges.

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Forensics holds national tournament and showcase

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Wartburg will play host to the District Four Forensics Tournament on March 9 and 10. This tournament is the last opportunity for competitors to qualify pieces for the American Forensics Association's National Tournament which will be held in early April at Mankato State University.

Several competitors from schools in the six-state district as well as Wartburg students who have not yet qualified pieces will be among the many competing to earn their way to nationals. The four members of Wartburg's forensics team who have already qualified are Ken Goetz, Meaghan Hagensick, Jim Bosin and Matt Rowles.

Penni Pier, professor of communication arts and forensics coach, said that it is a big honor for Wartburg to play host to the district tournament. To secure the tournament, Wartburg had to submit a bid to the District Four Selection Committee, which reviewed all of the bids submitted and awarded the district tournament to Wartburg.

"Many schools withdrew their bids out of support for us," Pier said.

"It is an amazing opportunity for forensics at Wartburg and in Iowa," Hagensick said.

A showcase featuring selected pieces by the forensics team will be held at 5 p.m. March 17 in the Lyceum.

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Assessments aim to measure quality of education and involvement

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg Social Science Department is administering two assessment tests to freshmen and seniors this Winter Term.

The survey's questions involve the quality of education students have received at Wartburg and how actively involved they are in college.

Fred Ribich, director of institutional research and assessment, is in charge of coordinating both the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) tests.

NSSE will be the first assessment distributed. Freshmen and seniors received an invitation to participate last Tuesday. The students will respond online and will be given 90 minutes to complete the survey.

Students have until the end of March to respond. Any student who hasn't responded to the initial e-mail invitation will receive periodic reminders until the survey is closed.

"We want to continue to monitor the extent to which students are engaging in their opportunities here on campus," Ribich said

Wartburg participated in this nation-wide survey in 2000 and in 2004. The college hopes to obtain data from students to continue and better their educational experience at Wartburg.

The second assessment, CLA, will be administered this week to all seniors. The CLA is a two-part survey. One part was completed by freshmen last fall. The second part will be completed this term by seniors.

Seniors will be asked to respond to an open-ended survey online. Students will have a month to respond.

"The goal of the CLA is to monitor how much development there is from first to fourth year students in academic skills," Ribich said.

During Fall Term this year, 94 freshmen responded to the CLA. Now, Dr. Ribich is looking for at least 90 to 100 seniors to respond.

The test evaluates four areas of education: critical thinking, analytical thinking, problem solving and writing skills. The test has two different tasks, a performance task and a writing task. Which task each student completes is chosen at random once they click the link in the e-mail.

The CLA is part of a three-year study and is in its second year. "These tests are important because students are the ones who experience the education, and we need to find out from them what the experience is like," Ribich said.

The results of both tests are tabulated nationally and summarized by the agencies. The college will be able to obtain the data from both studies so they can use it to improve education.

The results are usually sent to the college in the fall.

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Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

The calm before

Students traverse the sidewalk prior to the snow storm that struck Waverly, knocking out power on Saturday.

"Grad Finale" organized to help seniors exit

KRYSTAL FOWLER *MANAGING EDITOR*

Wartburg will hold the first "Grad Finale" from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in the Student Center Ballrooms.

Derek Solheim, associate director for the Pathways Center for Career Services, got the idea to hold a senior expo event at Wartburg while doing research for Senior Year Experience events.

"We want to have a variety of tables representing all of these different organizations," Solheim said.

Wartburg's event will feature several offices, including the registrars, financial aid and the controllers, as well as the bookstore, the Senior Class Challenge, the Alumni Association, Senior Year Experience and Career Services.

Seniors will be able to do things like order caps, gowns, announcements and class rings; get tips from Career Services and Senior Year Experience; and take care of any last details with the controllers or registrars office. All May and August pending graduates are encouraged to attend.

Participants will have tables set up around the perimeter of the room. Seniors can stop at each table to get information or take care of tasks.

Sheree Covert, the registrar, said all of the groups participatng had a hand in the planning.

"We're clearing students to actually order their caps and gowns," Covert said.

There will be food and games in the center of the room and also a variety of raffle prizes including leather portfolios, diploma frames and gift certificates given away.

Solheim said seniors will be receiving postcards about the event. They will also be able to evaluate the expo and their comments will be taken into account during future planning.

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Conference to focus on intelligent design issues

KRYSTAL FOWLER *MANAGING EDITOR*

Wartburg will host an evolution and intelligent design conference on March 16 and 17. The conference was organized by Iowans for Religion and Science Dialogue.

According to Brian Jones, assistant professor of religion and one of the conference organizers, some of the main objectives of the conference are to lay out what intelligent design is and to equip K-12 teachers to respond to conflicts about evolution in a religiously sensitive way.

"This is a college of the Church. We can actually talk about theology and faith here. And we can talk about science," Jones said.

The conference will feature four major presenters: Wesley Elsberry, information project director for the National Council for Science Education; John Haught, theologian and research professor from Georgetown University; Jennifer Miller, teacher in Dover, Penn.; and John Ayers, adjunct professor from Waldorf College.

"The conference isn't a bunch of scientists who have to leave their faith aside, or who have no faith," Jones said. "It's scientists, many of whom are people of faith, but do not believe the teaching of creationism in the science classroom is the way to go."

Besides the major presenters and panel discussion, the conference will also provide seven workshops. Each participant can attend three workshops, which cover topics such as understanding and evaluating intelligent design and understanding the relationship between science and religion.

Jones said conference organizers are planing for 300 attendants.

"I'm excited for it to happen," he said. "I'm also a little nervous. ... We may have people show up that oppose our position on intelligent design."

People who want to attend the conference need to register beforehand at http://www.Iowa-rsd.org. Registration costs $30. Registration at the door is $40.

The Center for Continuing Education is providing 200 scholarships to any Warburg student and any Iowa K-12 educator that will cover the $30 registration fee.

Paying the full registration fee will provide entrance to all major presenters and the panel discussion, as well as entrance to workshops, a DVD featuring interviews with specialists discussing all of the workshop themes, a discussion guide for use in both religious and secular discussions of the material and food during the conference.

For a smaller $5 fee, people can still attend the major presenters and panel discussion.

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Biden, Kucinich speak via Web

KRYSTAL FOWLER *MANAGING EDITOR*

Delaware Democratic Sen. Joe Biden made an appearance as part of Wartburg's continuing "Engaging Students: First in the Nation" activities. Biden traveled to Wartburg on Feb. 18 after giving a speech at Beck's Pub and Grill in Waterloo.

Biden spoke to students, staff and community members during an hour-long session in the McCaskey Lyceum. The session was simultaneously broadcast using the Internet to Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire.

Franklin Pierce, who is partnering with Wartburg in "First in the Nation," had its own speaker, Ohio Democratic Sen. Dennis Kucinich Tuesday. The Kucinich speech was also broadcast via the Internet and shown in the Lyceum.

Listeners at both schools were able to submit questions to Biden and Kucinich for the question and answer sections of their respective sessions.

Biden, who is working toward receiving the Democratic nomination for president, laid out how he would use his experience in both national and international politics if he became president.

"The next president is going to inherit a job where there is virtually no margin for error," Biden said. "There will be no time for on-the-job training."

Sen. Biden spent much of the session talking about his Iraq plan and the concerns facing the middle class.

According to the First in the Nation project Web site, the next scheduled event is a convocation at Wartburg featuring Helen Thomas, former White House Bureau Chief for United Press International, Tuesday, March 20.

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Panel speakers discuss civil rights past and present

JOSH MONIZ *STAFF WRITER*

Four guest speakers discussed civil rights at a panel discussion Feb. 19 in the Lyceum.

Speakers addressed such issues as the major obstacles facing the civil rights movement and the obligations of the current generation to effect change.

Discussion questions included, "What are some ways you have seen people take personal responsibility to effect change?" and "What do you tell people who believe the government system is too corrupt to change?"

Rev. Frederick Reese addressed ways to improve society. "Where there is unity, there is strength," Reese said. Reese was a leader in the civil rights march from Selma, Ala. to Montgomery, Ala. in 1965.

David Barr spoke on youth apathy. "If you do nothing, then you should complain about nothing," Barr said. His play, "Jackie, Vi, and Lena," was presented Tuesday.

Other speakers were alumni Merriam Tyson, the former president of the Communication Workers of America and an entrepreneurial liaison for the Iowa Department of Economic Development, and Walter Reed, executive director of the Waterloo Commission on Human Rights.

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Hooters and Wartburg: fact or fiction?

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Many Wartburg students have pondered the link between Hooters' orange and Wartburg colors over an order of tasty wings.

Some say there's more than a coincidence that Hooters and Wartburg share the colors orange and black. Others claim Wartburg students get a free order of wings by flashing a Wartburg ID to their waitress.

These myths have been perpetuated by students for years. It's time now to tear these apart and either prove or bust these myths.

Jump back in time to 1983, April Fool's Day, when the first Hooters restaurant was incorporated in Clearwater, Fla. The owners were ambitious, mid-western folks wanting to create a hangout that was a "carefree oasis," like enjoying a "day at the beach."

Here's where the story gets juicy, like those famous wings you love.

The original stockholders included Denny Johnson, Susy Johnson, and Ed Droste, all Waverly natives who spent their slightly mischievous adolescence under the shadow of Wartburg College.

"My biggest connection to Wartburg is that all the Wartburg students used to steal our girlfriends when we were in high school," Ed Droste said, laughing.

He recalls playing hide-and-go seek on campus and running around under the football bleachers during the games. Droste claims he didn't miss a single Knights basketball game.

In fact, Hertel Field is named after Droste's uncle, Elmer Hertel. He was the Knights men's basketball coach from 1935 to 1938 and 1943 to 1945, the Wartburg athletic director from 1934 to 1947, and a biology professor. Randall Schroeder said Hertel is credited for naming Wartburg's mascot as the Knights.

"We have a great relationship with Wartburg because, one, you can't grow up in Waverly and not," Droste exclaimed, regarding Hooters.

> *'The Wartburg students used to steal our girlfriends.'*

Droste's father, Ed, attended Wartburg for two years and played baseball and golf. Ed and Phyllis Droste live in Waverly and are big supporters of the community and college.

The younger Droste attended ISU where he graduated as class president.

Denny Johnson and Susy Johnson also have close ties with Wartburg. Susy attended the college for a couple semesters, while Denny was a student and wrestler from 1971 to 1973. However, they both transferred to UNI where they graduated.

Throw into the mix Dave Lageschulte, the first franchisee of Hooters and a Waverly native. He was president of FFA and twice the Harvest Ball King at Waverly-Shell Rock High School.

Both Denny Johnson and Lageschulte own condos in the Big Six building and frequent Waverly.

Susy Johnson lives in Waverly and is part-owner of The Pour House and The Fainting Goat.

Many connections can be drawn between Waverly and the founders of Hooters, but what ties exist between Hooters and Wartburg?

First of all, the original Hooters in Clearwater has a table named the "Iowa Convention Center." The dishwashing area is called the "Waverly-Shell Rock Booster Club."

On one wall hangs a map of Waverly with several landmarks from several of the founders' adolescence. A kit of Waverly mementos used to be given to each opening Hooters franchise, Susy Johnson said. It's rumored that at least some of the 440 restaurants in 26 states and 21 countries have a Waverly map on display.

"We're from Waverly and Wartburg is in Waverly, and we've always been, all of us have been big supporters of anything Waverly," Susy said.

The original Hooters in Clearwater has hosted the choir several times and fed them to sing in the restaurant. A Wartburg quintet sang a Hooters Christmas jingle commercial that ran nationally five years ago.

The Wartburg wrestling team and the Wartburg Boosters Club visited the Hooters Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas during last Christmas break. The restaurant owners of both Porch Dogs, an extension of Hooters, and Dan Marino's next to the casino provided free meals, saving the college thousands.

It's been known to work, for several students, that flashing your Wartburg ID to a Hooters waitress will get you free wings.

"Wartburg students are pretty ingenious. They'd probably be good at tricking a waitress or two," Droste replied.

However, it's likely failed more times than not, as two Trumpet editors experienced during a recent visit to Hooters in Des Moines.

Why isn't a Hooters located closer to Waverly?

Susy Johnson explained the franchise is territorial, and the native Waverly owners don't control the territory in Iowa.

The original stockholders sold the trademark and majority of the franchises to Hooters of America in 2002. However, they still own 22 restaurants, mainly in New York and Chicago, the original Hooters, and the right to operate a Hooters casino.

Hooters of America employs 15,000 Hooters girls and serves 60 million customers annually.

Former student body president and 2006 graduate Matt Lamos works as an operations liaison at the Hooters Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas. He said he was hired by Hooters "because the owners have a great respect for Iowa graduates. Moreover, graduates of Wartburg College."

Lamos answered the million dollar question by saying "Wartburg, like Hooters, is based upon creating an atmosphere that allows everyone to be themselves and have a good time."

And the orange and black? "They'd love that," Droste said of Wartburg students and the colors being credited to the college. However, he cited the colors of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 80s. Denny Johnson mentioned the Florida Gators' orange, as well as Wartburg's.

"I like anything that's orange and black," Johnson said.

You decide for yourself. Either way, Wartburg orange looks rather charming on the short shorts of your friendly Hooter's waitress.

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Courtesy Photos

The original Hooters, located in Clearwater, Fla., opened Oct. 4, 1983. It has hosted the Wartburg choir, baseball and softball teams for free meals within recent years.

Top, the Waverly map hangs under the Iowa Convention Center sign at the original Hooters. Bottom, Hooters girls serve patrons.

Young adults more likely to battle eating disorders

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week begins; "Be comfortable in your genes. Wear jeans that fit the REAL you."

KACI HANSON *STAFF WRITER*

The frequent trips to the bathroom, locking the door and turning up the radio. The skipped dinners. The excessive workouts.

Mandy Kakac saw all these signs, which sparked concern that her friend was in trouble. It wasn't until college that her friend was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder that affects one in every five women.

Ninety percent of those suffering with an eating disorder are women between the ages of 12 and 25. Kakac's friend began her battle at a young age, joining the estimated 11 percent of high school students diagnosed with an eating disorder.

Sophomores Cory Miner and Stacy Berns believe eating disorders are most common in college freshmen.

"I think first year students suffer from (eating disorders) the most," Berns said. "I think it's most common in girls, too, because girls care more about their appearance."

"They're scared of the 'Freshman 15'," Miner said. He adds that society has influences on self-image. "Overweight girls are looked down upon more than overweight guys, I think," he said.

According to a recent study, over half of females between the ages of 18-25 would prefer to be run over by a truck than be fat, and two-thirds surveyed would rather be mean or stupid.

Stephanie Newsom, director of counseling services at Wartburg College, acknowledges that statistics are apt to be inaccurate.

"It's hard because there are so many more on campus than we know about," she said. "It's such a private disorder, surrounded by lies and secrets."

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Newsom estimates that there are about 20 cases per year, with only about one male case per year.

"The male is usually an athlete, like a distance runner or wrestler, where cutting weight is part of the sport."

A study conducted by Cornell University found that 40 percent of male football players surveyed engaged in some sort of disordered eating behavior.

An increasing number of homosexual males are suffering from eating disorders for reasons such as body image, self-esteem and coping mechanisms.

Kakac and Newsom agree with Miner and Berns that women outnumber men with eating disorders.

"It's definitely more common in women because there's more pressure to look a certain way," Kakac said. "The most common eating disorder in guys is probably bulimia."

"I think it has to do with the media and messages we get about what celebrities are doing," she said. "I think some gender stereotypes get engraved in us from the time we're little girls."

The average woman is 5'4" and weighs 140 pounds, but the average model is 5'11" and weighs 117 pounds. Most fashion models are thinner than 98 percent of American women.

The Wartburg counseling services is planning numerous events during National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. An eating disorder questionnaire will be available online and in the counseling center all week from 8 to 4:30 p.m.

The screening is scored and interpreted by counselors immediately, diagnosing symptoms and suggesting full counseling sessions if needed.

A life-size Barbie will be hung from the Student Center balcony to highlight her unrealistic proportions. If brought to life, Barbie would be over 7 feet tall with size 3 feet.

Barbie isn't the only model leading females to eating disorders. Newsom thinks society has created an aggressive dating field.

"We know that women between the ages 18 and 22 in college are more susceptible than women (of the same ages) not in college," she said. "I think it's due to the competitiveness of dating and perfectionism."

Binge-eating is an often unrecognized eating disorder.

"I think we think it's about self-control," Newsom said. "We're not very forgiving of overweight people, and we don't recognize that they have the same emotional issues as anorexics and bulimics."

Kakac's friend has since been hospitalized and undergone help for the disorder. Newsom suggests approaching someone suspected of having an eating disorder with specific examples of suspicious behavior. Be armed with resources, such as brochures, the name of a counselor or informative Web sites like www.something-fishy.org.

"Be prepared to be up against anger and denial. Be OK with that, because it's not you. They're just not ready to receive help at that time," Newsom said.

"Even more students may not have full-blown eating disorders, but have disordered eating that may lead to something else," she warns.

The average length of recovery is 5 to 7 years.

"A lot of clients ready to make the change will find that once they finally let someone know, it makes the road to recovery easier."

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CDreview ★★★★★ The Slip, Albert Hammond, Jr. and Youth Group CDs rank well

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The Slip

Eisenhower

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The Slip, originally formed in a New England boarding school in the early 90s as a classic rock cover band, has gone through many changes in its musical style.

Members have come and gone and with each passing member, the sound altered, ultimately ending with the guitar-driven indie rock that has caught notice of the college scene. This new sound shown on Eisenhower, the band's latest album, also picked up the attention of the fan favorite Guitar Hero video game, which featured their song, "Even Rats."

Eisenhower offers a very broad sound while keeping the core guitar and ambient sounds throughout the record. There seems to be a little something for fans of all types of music.

There are parts of the record where you may want to jump up and sing along with their swirling choruses ("Even Rats" and "If One of Us Should Fall") and other parts where you may just want to sit back in your chair, tap your toe and take in all that is going on within the song (the epic track, "Paper Birds").

This CD keeps a very solid indie feel while bringing out some of the mainstream ideals that give it a special appeal to a wider audience. I believe 3 out of 5 stars is where this disc ranks.

Albert Hammond, Jr.

Yours To Keep

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While Albert Hammond Jr. has been better known for his work as the guitarist for The Strokes, this album sets him apart as a very talented solo artist.

For fans of The Strokes, no need to worry, he does not stray too far from the style of guitar he has been recognized for. He has simply branched out and gained a new footing he can call his own.

With a stunning supporting crew on his first solo album, featuring the bassist and drummer of The Strokes, Sean Lennon, Ben Kweller and Fountain of Wayne's Jody Porter, "Yours To Keep" wows audiences.

The first track, "Cartoon Music For Superheroes," opens with a child's piano, breezy acoustic guitar and finishes with a full-on brass section.

This is just the tip of the iceberg for this gem of an album. Hammond Jr. continues to wow audiences with other tracks like "101" and "Everyone Gets A Star."

I do not believe that we have seen the end of The Strokes, but I hope that we can continue to see more from Hammond Jr. I give "Yours To Keep" 4 out of 5 stars.

Youth Group

Casino Twilight Dogs

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After making friends with indie band, Death Cab for Cutie, Youth Group landed a spot on The O.C. with a cover of "Forever Young."

That cover earned them a number one single in Australia last year and got them the award for Breakthrough Artist of the Year — SINGLE in the ARIA. After that, Youth Group released their third full length album, entitled "Casino Twilight Dogs."

This album has everything indie music fans could want. It has the droning guitars and the wavering choruses, the upbeat Beatles-throwback feel and even some of the down and out lyrics.

The band's lead single, "Sorry," is a great song that screams apologies for things that seemingly cannot be found.

Other songs, like "Dead Zoo," currently playing on KWAR, and "The Destruction of Laurel Canyon," have a much more swaying feel to them.

This album is still rough around the edges, but it goes with the overall feel and appeal. A 3 out of 5 stars is fitting for Casino Twilight Dogs, but keep your eyes on this band.

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World Briefs

Vilsack exits race

Former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack was the first Democrat to announce a 2008 candidacy for the White House, and now he's the first to drop out of the race. Vilsack cites his lack of fundraising money as the sole reason for his exit.

Snowstorm heads east

A winter storm that left more than a foot of snow in parts of the Midwest heads into the Atlantic coast region. The storm, killing at least eight people, is leaving highways covered with inches of snow and streets slick with sheets of ice.

Circumcision reduces risk of HIV disease

A medical journal article published Friday in London reveals data that shows circumcision reduces men's chances of attaining HIV by up to 60 percent. The findings are from two trials in Kenya and Uganda.

Man sought in Florida kidnapping case

A 13-year-old boy who was bound to a tree in the woods used a safety pin, his teeth and his hands to escape a kidnapping attempt in Miami on Sunday. Investigators issued an arrest warrant for Vicente Ignacio Beltran Moreno, but authorities believe he has fled the state.

Pirates pilfer food

Pirates hijacked food from a cargo ship in Somalia, making it the third time since 2005 that a vessel has been hijacked off the country's coast. The cargo ship was delivering U.N. food aid to northeastern Somalia.

Bomber hits Baghdad

A suicide bomber triggered a ball bearing-packed charge, killing at least 41 people at a mostly Shiite college Sunday. The school's main campus was hit by a string of bombings last month that killed 70 people.

Spears in rehab again

Britney Spears has once again entered rehabilitation for the third time within the past week. Before entering rehab, Spears had a wild week of alarming behavior, capped by a night of new tattoos and a shaved head.

Blair plots Britain's removal from Iraq War

TOM HUNDLEY & LIZ SLY *MCT NEWS*

Prime Minister Tony Blair's announcement Wednesday that Britain would begin bringing its troops home from Iraq is less a reflection of progress there than part of Blair's choreographed departure from Downing Street, according to politicians and analysts.

"I always assumed he would want to be able to announce some limited withdrawal before he left No. 10," said former Labor Minister Tony Benn, a longtime critic of the war. "It is nothing to do with the real question. It doesn't represent any change of policy whatsoever, in my opinion, but tactically it looks good."

Menzies Campbell, leader of the Liberal Democrats and another critic of the war, said Blair "leaves behind a country on the brink of civil war, reconstruction stalled, corruption endemic and the region as a whole a lot less stable than it was in 2003."

Blair has said he will step down sometime this summer, but many political analysts speculate that his departure may come as early as May. His approval ratings and his authority have been weakened by deep opposition to the war in Britain, and by what many Britons see as his subservience to President Bush.

> *'Bush called this a 'sign of success."*

In a speech to Parliament on Wednesday, Blair confirmed that 1,600 of Britain's 7,100 soldiers would be brought home over the next few months. The remainder are expected to be withdrawn by the end of 2008. Britain has lost 132 service members in the conflict, and has been the United States' leading partner, committing some 40,000 troops to the 2003 invasion.

Denmark, which has 460 troops in Iraq, also announced Wednesday that its forçes would be withdrawn this summer. Both the British and Danish troops are concentrated in southern Iraq in and around the city of Basra.

Though the security situation in Basra is far better than in Baghdad, it could hardly be described as satisfactory.

The initial welcome afforded British troops by the local Shiite majority wore out long ago. British troops stopped patrolling the streets more than a year ago and are mostly confined to their compounds at Basra airport and at the Shatt al-Arab hotel in town. The hotel comes under almost daily mortar bombardment.

"What all of this means is not that Basra is how we want it to be. But it does mean that the next chapter in Basra's history can be written by Iraqis," Blair told Parliament.

Blair said the British troops would hand over their bases to local authorities and withdraw to the airport base and Basra Palace. Troops remaining in Iraq would be used to train local security forces, secure the Iraq-Iran border and secure supply routes, he said.

"The situation in Basra is very different from Baghdad. There is no Sunni insurgency. There is no al-Qaida base. There is little Shia on Sunni violence. The bulk of the attacks are on the [Multi-National Force]. It has never presented anything like the challenge of Baghdad," Blair said.

Conservative leader David Cameron told Parliament that the announcement of the troop drawdown was "welcome in this House, in the country and especially to the families of those serving in Iraq over the coming months," but he urged Blair to open a public inquiry into the "many bad mistakes" made in Iraq.

Blair refused, saying the time for such an inquiry was when the mission in Iraq was complete.

Britain's military presence will start to shrink just as U.S. troop levels in Iraq begin their expected surge. In Washington, Bush called this a "sign of success" — proof that the situation in Iraq was improving, according to Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council. Bush and Blair discussed the situation during a video conference Tuesday.

Vice President Dick Cheney, who was traveling in Japan, was asked by ABC News how it would look to Americans to see British troops pulling out while the U.S. was increasing troop levels.

"I look at it and what I see is an affirmation of the fact that there are parts of Iraq where things are going pretty well," Cheney said. "The focus that we've had, obviously, is Baghdad and the decision the president made to surge troops into Baghdad. The Baghdad Security Plan is based on conditions in Baghdad."

In Basra, the local government is controlled by a coalition of fundamentalist parties who have enforced a form of Islamic law, outlawing alcohol, music and theater. Few women dare go out without a headscarf. Secularists say they don't feel safe from the periodic assassinations of those who challenge the official line. The threat of kidnapping has put Basra off limits to Westerners unless they stay within the heavily fortified British compounds.

"Those who have their own opinions, and those who don't have an Islamic attitude, they are in danger," said Adel al-Thamery, who runs a journalism training program in Basra. "And Basra is not a safe place for foreigners at all. There are gangs on the roads, and there are political factions who use violence to achieve their goals, and then of course there are our neighbors, the Iranians."

Iran's influence is heavily felt in Iraq's second-largest city, just a few miles from the Iranian border, and even with the British presence, Iran is considered the dominant power in the city, he said.

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Knights take IIAC title and prepare for NCAA

ANDREW NOSTVICK *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg wrestling squad is preparing for another National Championship run this weekend as they participate in the 2007 NCAA Div. III Wrestling Championships after winning the Iowa Conference championship for a 15th consecutive time.

"It was one of our major goals for this year as well as the previous 14 years," Head Coach Jim Miller said.

The Knights won by 21 points, their smallest margin of victory in the last seven years, over second-place Luther.

"We're never comfortable until it's over," Miller said.

The 2007 IIAC title is the Knights 25th conference title and their 15th straight with Miller at the helm of the program. The string of 15 is the most in Iowa Conference history.

The title run is amazing considering that when Miller arrived to Wartburg in 1991, the team had not won a conference title since 1978. Miller's first title came just two seasons later and would lead to another 14.

"I just wanted to win one," Miller said.

The Knights will be sending ten wrestlers, one at each weight class, to the NCAA tournament, including five conference champions and three conference runner-ups.

Among the five conference champions wrestling, Blake Gillis is the most decorated with four conference titles. This ties him for the most individual conference titles in Wartburg wrestling history and the fifth wrestler to grab a title every year.

Courtesy Photo

The Wartburg wrestling team and coaches gather for a team picture with their IIAC championship trophy.

"It's an honor. Winning four conference titles has been one of my goals since I first stepped into the line-up as a freshman," Gillis said.

Gillis credits his success to hard work and his teammates during practice.

"I think a lot of success has come from hard work and having good workout partners in the practice room pushing me to excel."

Gillis, who is 36-1 this season, hopes to win his first national title and is confident in his abilities to win after taking runner-up the last three years.

"The major part of my preparation has been mental. I've been to three tournaments in the past I know what to expect. I don't want psych myself out. I need to go out and wrestle like I know how to and everything will take care of itself," Gillis said.

> *'I just wanted to win one.'*

Miller knows that winning a national title is important for his star heavyweight.

"That's obviously the missing jewel for him," Miller said.

The Knights have seen some new faces in the line-up this season. One of the bigger stories of the 2006-07 wrestling season was an injury to Jacob Naig who earned runner-up honors as a sophomore at last year's national tournament.

Stepping in for Naig was freshman Adam Weber out of Gilbertville's Don Bosco High School. Weber is 29-12 on the season and said he was ready to step in and take the spot at the 149 lb. weight class.

"For me nothing really changed other then I was wrestling with the varsity team all the time," Weber said. "I just knew I had to continue to improve everyday and that I simply needed to go out-fight my opponents and everything else would take care of itself.

"My expectations in coming to Wartburg were the same as they were at Don Bosco, to win both a team title and a national title, and to dominate opponents every time I step on the mat," Weber said.

The Knights are working hard to prepare for the tournament Friday and Saturday. According to Miller, the team is working on the mental aspects as well as the physical aspects.

The Knights have taken first or second the past 15 years at the national tournament and are looking to make it back-to-back team titles.

The tournament will be in Dubuque at the Five Flags Center Friday and Saturday. Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

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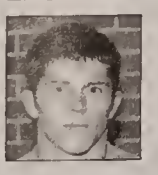

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Waterloo

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35-4 overall
Pocahontas

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13-2 overall
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174 lbs.
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the last time Wartburg DIDN'T win conference wrestling

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Men's track loses power

ADAM HARRINGA
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Blistering winds and freezing rain knocked out electricity to Cornell's Small Multi-Sports Center last weekend, as the Knights lost 174.5 to 178.5, ending Wartburg's string of four straight IIAC titles.

Sprinting the final 200 meters of the 1,000-meter run, Patrick Johnson crossed the finish line in first, followed by Jake Hommer. With 18 points from Johnson and Hommer in the 1,000 and three events to go, Wartburg was down 16 points to Loras and was on pace to completely erase a 33-point day one margin. However, before the next event could start, power was lost and Loras' lead soon proved too great to overcome.

Although inclement weather knocked out power lines on the Cornell campus, it wasn't enough to stop competition. With the 3,000, 200 and 4x400 relay remaining, the officials finished the meet in the dark, hand-timing the races with stopwatches.

"Cornell did a tremendous job with the situation they had," Head Coach Marcus Newsom said.

Before losing power on Saturday, the Knights made up serious ground, scoring 11.5 points in the 55 hurdles, with a second place finish from Russell Harris and Kyle Peters tying for fifth.

"We knew that was an event we could make up points on Loras," Peters said. "So we just wanted to score as high as we could."

Wartburg continued to steadily gain points Saturday, outscoring Loras in nine of the 13 events. However, a 29-point second day swing was not enough to overcome Friday's deficit.

Going into the last event, the 4x400, Wartburg was still down 10 points and needed to win and have Loras finish last to tie them for the title. But as Scott Tjeerdsma rounded the final curve of the 4x400 in first place and crossed the finish line, Loras pulled away from Luther to secure a fifth place finish and simultaneously snap the Knights string of conference titles.

"It's a heartbreaking way to end a season," Danny Corken said.

However, Assistant Coach Steve Johnson said disappointment is good. "If they're disappointed it means it matters a lot. We can use this to ignite a fire for the outdoor season."

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Comment sears Hardaway's reputation

FROM PAGE 12

gay people and they shouldn't be in the same locker room as the other players.

Newsflash, they aren't paying these athletes millions of dollars each year to not be homosexual. They are paying these athletes millions of dollars to play basketball. Needless to say, they are good at what they do. If a player is gay but can outplay everyone else on the bench, sexual orientation shouldn't matter.

Hardaway and Amaechi have contributed to the opening of all kinds of doors for both sides. This gives gay athletes hope that the leagues and fans will be accepting of them. This also shows current players that they need to watch how they handle the issue of gay athletes as this becomes a hot topic in the sports world.

Will we eventually see an active player identify themselves as homosexual? It is hard to tell. In light of these recent events, I wouldn't doubt that during my lifetime there will be an openly gay athlete competing at the professional level on one of the major sports stages.

As for Hardaway and his comments, he was put in a tough situation. Maybe he should have played a few more years and stayed away from the glaring eye of the media, especially when dancing around this delicate topic.

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NCAA Fellows accepts Severson

18-month professional leadership program in the works

Trumpet/File Photo

Monica Severson talks to her team during a timeout as the former women's basketball coach at Wartburg.

ABBY SHOWALTER *SPORTS EDITOR*

Most people pay little attention to advertisements, but for one Wartburg faculty member reading an advertisement meant a special opportunity to enhance herself and Wartburg.

Monica Severson, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, was accepted to the NCAA Fellows Leadership Development Program for 2007-08. The 18-month program is an opportunity for women and ethnic minorities to become involved in senior management opportunities that will provide additional professional experience.

Severson stumbled upon the opportunity to apply for the program by accident.

"I had never heard of it, but there was an ad in NCAA news and I thought 'God, that sounds kind of interesting maybe I should look into that' so I made some phone calls," Severson said.

Monica Severson

With the approval of Athletic Director Rick Willis, Severson applied and was one of just 12 Fellows accepted to the program and one of the four chosen from a Div. III school.

"I have no idea how many applied, but I know it was very competitive in terms of what they had for a pool," Severson said.

As part of the application process Severson had to write a professional self-evaluation assessment and plan a project outside of her normal job duties. Even though this meant increasing her work load, Severson wanted to include Wartburg in her project.

"It's a time commitment because you're adding something else," Severson said. "I wanted to do something that was particular to Wartburg and that would be beneficial. I didn't want to just do a project."

Severson named her project "Marketing and Promotion of Wartburg Athletics" and has begun the planning phase. This will last about six months, leaving a year for the actual implementation of the project, just in time for the opening of the new Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center.

"I'm concentrating on the promotional part so I'm really trying to get a better handle on three areas," Severson said. "We're trying to get more students to attend the athletic events, more faculty and staff and the community."

Along with the project, the Fellows Program entails having a mentor and traveling to various conventions and meetings. John Harper, the athletic director at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts is Severson's mentor. She is planning a three day trip at the end of March to fulfill one of two required site visits with Harper.

"I'm going to try to work with him a little bit with what my project is and then just try to find out some of the things that they do on their campus that work," Severson said.

There are also five to six NCAA sponsored events where all the Fellows will gather as well as other national conventions Severson will attend.

"There's a tremendous amount of travel involved, which takes time and planning, but the NCAA is paying for those opportunities so you can't pass that kind of thing up," Severson said.

While part of the goal of the program is to help people advance their careers so they can move onto higher positions and different institutions, Severson has no plans to use the Fellows Program for this reason.

"I made a point in my application to say that I have no plans to go anywhere else," Severson said. "I just wanted it to help me professionally to do a better job in my current job at Wartburg."

Even though Severson is still in the early stages of the project, she is excited about the opportunity to participate in the program and to improve herself professionally.

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Intramurals jazz up winter blues

Despite the absence of a fieldhouse and gym, winter intramurals are in full swing for students

JOSH URBAN *STAFF WRITER*

Athletics have encountered a number of difficulties since the beginning of the school year due to the construction of the new wellness center and intramural activities are no different.

With limited space to operate, finding accommodations for the Wartburg athletic teams has been challenging and most have been forced to find alternative places to practice and even compete, not unlike most intramural activities this winter. Intramurals Director Jim Conlon had his hands full coordinating activities and finding appropriate venues for different activities this year, especially over the winter months.

Not every activity has been forced to take place off-campus, however. Dodgeball and ping-pong are two activities that have been taking place on campus. Both Grossmann and Centennial halls can accommodate ping-pong and Player's Theatre is where dodgeball is being held this year.

Jamie Frederick, a sophomore, helps Conlon coordinate intramural activities and has participated in intramurals in the past.

"It's just hard to find places to hold activities," Frederick said. She also indicated that despite the fact there is no P.E.C., intramurals numbers haven't declined.

"We really didn't get a lot of people at swim night, but everything else has gone fairly well," Frederick said.

Even though intramurals are designed to be fun, non-competitive leagues anyone can join, Frederick mentioned that athletic ability doesn't really matter.

"A lot of these activities are just leisure activities, you don't have to be athletic to have fun and participate," Frederick said.

Besides a swim night, which was held at UNI, ice-skating at Young Arena in Waterloo as well as bowling in Waverly has been offered.

Freshmen Josh Palmer and Geoff Miller are both involved with intramural dodgeball.

"From my experience intramurals are a lot of fun," Palmer said. "I like having something to do even with no P.E.C."

Both Palmer and Miller hope for the program to be more organized in the future with the addition of the new wellness center and its new facilities.

Even without the P.E.C., intramurals are still providing students with a variety of activities to stay busy and active over the winter months.

There are more opportunities for participation in intramurals in the near future including flag football, soccer, and other outdoor leisure activities next month.

E-mail intramural@wartburg.edu to sign up for upcoming events and to get information about the upcoming spring intramural activities.

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Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET*

Rodney Stevenson practices ping pong in the Lohe Hall rec. room.

Knights' dream of redeeming sub-par season ends

AUSTIN DRAUDE *STAFF WRITER*

After an unlikely berth in the Iowa Conference tournament, the Wartburg men's basketball team lost their quarterfinal game to Coe 83-69 last Tuesday in Cedar Rapids.

The Knights trailed by 15 at halftime, and could never overcome the deficit.

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Nick Gullickson reaches over the Coe defense.

The Kohawks went 27-for-48 from the field, including 9-for-17 from outside. Guard Allen Weaver noted the high percentage, saying the Knights simply got outgunned.

"We can hang with them, but on that day, they just played better," Weaver said. "They were making everything."

Guard Mike Jackson, who netted 15 points in the game and snagged three rebounds, said the Knights simply fell behind on the defensive end of the floor.

"We struggled with Coe," Jackson said. "We didn't play defense. They had 48 points in the first half. That's ridiculous."

Senior forward Nick Gullickson closed out his Wartburg career with a game-high 22 points and a perfect 6-for-6 from the free-throw line. Jackson says Gullickson, who ended the season as the team's leading scorer, is going to be missed next year.

"We're going to really miss Gullickson," Jackson said. "He's a shooter. He plays hard."

According to Weaver, seniors Gullickson, James Menke, and Ben Vogel were the team's leaders this season.

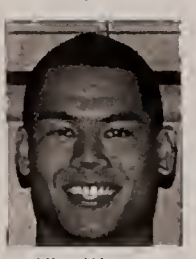
"Before every game, they'd motivate us," Weaver said. "They'd bring us all together and talk to us. In practice, when we were messing up, they'd be on us, making sure we were doing the right thing. They actually led by example."

Jackson says now that this year's seniors have finished their Wartburg careers, it's time for next year's seniors to get ready to step up.

Another player who was lauded as a leader this season was Weaver, who coaches and players alike noted as a someone who would duck inside for rebounds and step in front of offensive players to take crucial charges. Weaver, on the other hand, says what he did this season is simply part of the game.

"I just did what the team asked," Weaver said. "I don't need any praise."

With Nelson coming back as the team's major 3-point threat, Jackson and Grant Franzen attacking the glass, and Weaver stepping up on the defensive side of the ball, Jackson says the team looks strong for next year.



Allen Weaver

"I think we'll be fine with our in-and-out game, rebounding and everything," Jackson said. "Grant is a beast on the boards."

Wartburg finishes the season 11-15, including a 5-11 mark against Iowa Conference competition. Despite the rough season, Jackson says the team will learn from its mistakes and be ready to shine again next year.

"It was a tough season, but we won't be that way next season," Jackson said. "We've just got to work on finishing and putting a strong game together, that's all. We've got to go the whole game next year, every game."

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Sports Briefs

Bates sets new record

Wartburg women's track and field thrower Jessica Bates broke the Wartburg weight throw record at the University of Iowa indoor meet in Iowa City last weekend. Bates, a junior, turned in the longest throw in Iowa Conference action and the third-longest throw in Div. III so far this year. The mark of 55 feet 8.25 inches tops the old record by 3 feet 3 inches.

Joseph ties own record

Lucy Joseph tied her own Wartburg school record in the 55-meter hurdles at UW-Platteville last weekend. Her time of 8.43 seconds was good enough to top the rest of the field and is the 11th fastest time in Div. III.

Tennis still waiting to start spring season

For the second weekend in a row, the men's tennis team has not been able to participate in their season-opening match due to weather. The Knights are scheduled to take on Central and Simpson in a triangular meet Saturday in Pella. They take on Simpson at 12 noon and Central at 3 p.m.

Baseball and softball earn top spots in IIAC

The Wartburg baseball and softball teams both garnered preseason No. 1 rankings from the Iowa Conference Coaches Poll released Thursday. The baseball team is coming off a share of its 10th straight conference title. The softball team will be defending its IIAC championship this spring. The softball team is also ranked No. 7 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III preseason top 25.

Former Knights inducted to Hall of Fame

Former Wartburg All-American wrestler Tom Hogan and former Wartburg head wrestling coach Bob Siddens were inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association's Wrestling Hall of Fame. Hogan was a two-time IIAC champion, a three-time Div. III All-American and was a 1993 national champion for the Knights. Siddens the steered the Knights' program during the 1990-91 campaign.

Luther, Loras take IIAC basketball titles

The No. 1-ranked Luther women's basketball team defeated No. 2 Loras 60-47 and the No. 1-ranked Loras men's basketball team topped No. 2 Buena Vista 77-62 en route to the Iowa Conference basketball titles. Both teams receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

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Wrestling at Nationals Fri.-Sat. in Dubuque
Indoor Track & Field at Iowa State Last Chance Meet in Ames
Men's Tennis at Central Sat. in Pella 12 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Women's indoor track takes IIAC title

Knights take fifth consecutive indoor track and field title by 99-point margin

ADAM HARRINGA *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg women's track team sealed up its fifth-straight indoor track and field title Friday and Saturday at the Iowa Conference meet in Mt. Vernon.

The Knights have taken every indoor title since the IIAC sanctioned the event in 2001.

"You don't think of that going into a meet, but it shows a true example of the type of young women we've had and the strong tradition we have," Head Coach Marcus Newsom said.

With 10 conference champions, three national provisional performances, two IIAC records, one Wartburg record and an automatic national qualifying time, the Wartburg women won the Iowa Conference by 99 points, scoring 262 points to Loras' 163.

"The goal was to score all three [in the top eight] in as many events as possible, and we came up big," Newsom said. "We did that in a pretty impressive fashion with performances like Heidi Porter's."

Porter led from the gun in the 800-meter run and never let up, running 2:12.05 to automatically qualifying for the national meet. Porter won by over six seconds and also broke her own conference record and Missy Buttry's school record.

Porter also made the national provisional list as the 800-meter leg of the winning distance medley relay team in 12:07.47. The team, also consisting of twin sisters Jennifer and Amanda Kuiken and Rachel Brincks, won by over 30 seconds.

"We knew there wouldn't be teams close to us, so we'd just have to go out there and do it ourselves," Jennifer Kuiken said.

The Kuiken sisters ran two more events apiece, combining for 42 of Wartburg's points. After teaming up in the distance medley, the Kuikens faced off in the mile. Coming down to a final kick, Lisa Ballard of Loras edged out Jennifer for the win and Amanda placed third, with less than half a second separating first and third. Jennifer ran 5:15.38 and Amanda finished in 5:15.66.

Courtesy Photo

Heidi Porter runs the third leg of the winning distance medley relay team.

"Its pretty competitive between us, but its nice always having someone to run with and help pace you," Amanda said

In the Kuiken's third event of the meet, Jennifer won the 1,000 (3:04.35), out-kicking Rachelle Hawkins of Cornell on the final lap and Amanda placed second in the 800 (2:18.36) to Porter.

Also accounting for a considerable chunk of points for Wartburg was Bridget Burns and Hannah Baker. Scoring 54 points in seven events, the two teamed up on the winning 4x200 team, and matched up in the 200, 400 and long jump. Baker took first by out-kicking Burns in the 400, who finished second. Both provisionally qualified and Burns took fourth, out-kicking Baker in the 200. In the long jump, Baker won in 5.36 meters and Burns was second in 5.31.

"[Burns and Baker] have definitely helped and motivated each other and they carried a big load for us," Newsom said.

Also winning their events were Lucy Joseph in the 55 hurdles (8.54), Jill Wagaman in the 3,000 (10:28.9) and Emily VanOosbree in the 5,000 (17:56.86). VanOosbree moved from third to first in the final 300 meters of the 5,000, edging out Wagaman in the final 50 meters. Brinks won the 600 (1:37.72), breaking Steph Arey's IIAC record set in 2005.

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Women fall to Buena Vista in OT shootout

MAC SLAVIN *STAFF WRITER*

The fifth-seeded Wartburg women's basketball team fell 91-85 in their first round Iowa Conference tournament match-up at Buena Vista University Tuesday night.

The Knights took an early lead two minutes into the game against the fourth-seeded Beavers and didn't relinquish as they found themselves with a double-digit lead at halftime.

"I thought we did a great job defensively early in the game," Head Coach Bob Amsberry said.

Wartburg saw big first-half points from Ashton Donahue as she hit four 3-pointers. Elizabeth Campbell contributed to the 44-33 halftime lead for the Knights as she finished the first frame with 10 points.

The Knights opened the second half hoping to continue their strong defense against the top-ranked scoring offense in the conference. The teams traded early 3-pointers to open the second half, and after a Beaver turnover, the Knights increased their lead to 16 points, the greatest on the night.

A string of turnovers and missed shots hurt Wartburg as they saw their lead dwindle.

"We got fatigued down the stretch and made some careless mistakes," Amsberry said.

The high-powered Buena Vista offense then turned up the heat on the Knights' defense as they went on a 12-2 run to tie the game with less than a minute left in regulation.

The Beavers took the opening tip and scored the first basket of the overtime period. The Knights never gained the lead in the extra period as they watched Buena Vista go 6-for-6 from the charity stripe.

"They went up early in overtime," Amsberry said. "Then we are scrambling trying to get back in it."

LaToshia Burrell led the scoring attack for the Knights as she finished with 21 points and capped off her Wartburg career with seven consecutive double-digit performances.

Campbell finished the game with 19 points and Sharese Van Sloten added 17 points and pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

The Knights finish their season at 8-8 in the Iowa Conference and 13-13 overall. Wartburg loses four seniors, Burrell, Jessica Kugler, Alecia Schoonover and student-coach Diana Mullins.

"All of them are great people off the court," Amsberry said. "They are outstanding young ladies who provided us with great leadership."

Amsberry is excited about future seasons at Wartburg and also cites former coach Monica Severson's contributions to the program.

"We've got the program going back in the right direction," Amsberry said. "She [Severson] has put great kids into the program. The tradition that she was able to build is something that we want to carry on."

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Courtesy Photo

Megan Hendricks puts up a shot over a BV defender. Hendricks scored eight points.

FROM THE BUILDER

Hardaway attempts to defend comments

LUKE SHANNO
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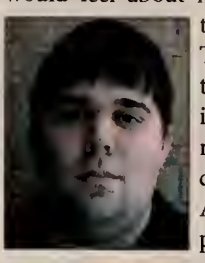
Open mouth, insert foot. Insert a NBA-sized foot. That's what former NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway has been doing in recent weeks after saying "I hate gay people," during a radio interview earlier this month.

Hardaway's comments were triggered by being asked how he would feel about having a gay teammate. The question came in light of retired NBA center John Amaechi's public announcement of his homosexuality, three years removed from the league. Amaechi is the first NBA player, current or retired, to openly admit being gay.



Hardaway, who was doing the radio interview on behalf of the NBA promoting the All-Star weekend festivities, was relieved of a number of events and interviews that he was scheduled for following his tirade.

The best part of this whole story unfolding is that in general, the sports fan population was and continues to be very open and respectful of Amaechi's announcement.

The fact is fans, players, officials and NBA commissioner David Stern were more appalled with the comments made by Tim Hardaway, who by all standards was a great player on the hardwood, than Amaechi's announcement. However, this incident might tarnish Hardaway's off-court character.

Hardaway was asked a very blatant question, and he responded with what seemed to be an honest answer. The implications of his comments though are great, because he was representing the NBA and he was speaking to thousands of fans, and eventually to millions of people.

Hardaway tried apologizing for the comments on television, but the damage was already done. He said that he didn't like

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Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Wrestling	Indoor Track
IIAC Quarterfinal	IIAC Quarterfinal	IIAC Tournament	Iowa Conference Tournament
def. by Coe 83-69	def. by Buena Vista 91-85 (OT)	1st-181 points	Men-2nd Women-1st
5-11 (IIAC), 11-15 (Overall)	8-8 (IIAC), 13-13 (Overall)	5 Individual Champions	